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SUBJ: POSITION PAPER FOR INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS

ON TOBACCO

REF: STATE 125136

1. UNCTAD SECRETARIAT HAS JUST DISTRIBUTED ITS DOCUMENT ON LIBERALIZATION OF TRADE IN TOBACCO (COPY POUCHED BOERNER JUNE 12). DOCUMENT IS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF TRADE POLICIES OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, WHICH IT ALLEGES DISCRIMINATES AGAINST MORE EFFICIENT LDC PRODUCERS AND IN FAVOR OF HIGHER PRICED TOBACCO. FINDING RE U.S. IS THAT SPECIFIC DUTIES ARE APPLIED AND INCIDENCE OF THESE DUTIES IS HIGH EXCEPT FOR TYPES OF TOBACCO, SUCH AS ORIENTAL TOBACCO, WHICH ARE NOT GROWN IN U.S. REPORT SUGGESTS THAT U.S. APPLY UNIFORM SPECIFIC DUTIES AT LEVEL APPLICABLE TO ORIENTAL TOBACCO TO ENABLE LOW COST PRODUCERS TO COMPETE FREELY IN U.S. MARKET. SECRETARIAT MAKES FOLLOWING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO GOVERNMENTS FOR ACTION.

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QUOTE

ON THE BASIS OF THE ARGUMENTS PUT FORWARD IN THE PRESENT PAPER, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE CONSULTATIONS SHOULD CONSIDER RECOMMENDING TO GOVERNMENTS THAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PROVIDE IMPROVED ACCESS FOR TOBACCO, ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

1. IN THE FORTHCOMING MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN GATT, NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITH A VIEW TO:

(A) CHANGING THE FORM OF TARIFFS IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SO THAT THE INCIDENCE OF TARIFFS IS THE SAME FOR ALL TYPES OF TOBACCO IMPORTED;

(B) PROVIDING COMMITMENTS AS TO THE MAXIMUM VOLUME OF PROTECTED PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

2. NATIONAL GSP SCHEMES SHOULD BE IMPROVED IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT TOBACCO-PRODUCING COUNTRIES OBTAIN IMPROVED ACCESS TO MARKETS. UNQUOTE.

2. UNCTAD STUDY WILL BE ONE OF PRINCIPAL DOCUMENTS AT CONSULTATIONS AND IT WILL BE DIFFICULT, AND PERHAPS EVEN CONTRARY TO OUR INTERESTS, NOT TO COMMENT ON IT EVEN THOUGH DISTRIBUTED LATE. SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT POSITION PAPER ON MARKET ACCESS BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE U.S. POSITION AND APPROPRIATE COMMENTS ON SECRETARIAT FINDING RE U.S. GENERAL CONCLUSIONS. DALE

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